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1995 PROOF COIN SETS NOW AVAILABLE

The 1995 Proof Coin Set will be sold over-the-counter in limited quantities at the American Numismatic Association's Early Spring Convention at Cobb Galleria in Atlanta from Thursday, March 2 through Saturday, March 4.

Order forms for the Proof Set will be distributed on March 3 to two million customers on the Mint's mailing list. The price is \$12.50.

For those planning to give the Five Coin Proof Set as a present, gift sleeves are available in packages of six at the price of \$2.50. Greetings available include Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, Happy Holidays, and Congratulations. A six-sleeve variety package including "It's A Boy" and "It's A Girl" also is available.

Each set contains a proof version of U.S. circulating coins - the Lincoln cent, Jefferson nickel, Roosevelt dime, Washington quarter, and Kennedy half dollar - packaged in a protective display case with a Certificate of Authenticity.

Produced at the San Francisco Mint using specially prepared blanks and highly polished dies, each coin is struck at least twice, producing a frosted image on a mirror-like background, and bearing the "S" Mint mark.

Proof coins were first offered for sale to the public in 1858. Originally struck to test the dies, "specimen" or proof coins were used as gifts to visiting royalty and other dignitaries and were produced in very limited quantities.

The Mint is scheduled to begin accepting mail orders for the 1995 ten-coin Uncirculated Coin Set and for the 1995 Silver Proof Coin Set later this spring.

For information about how to order, please contact: Customer Service Center, United States Mint 10001 Aerospace Road, Lanham, MD 20706 or telephone (202) 283-COIN.

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